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Applicants wish to make of record WO 99/022860, which has been cited in an opposition proceeding involving the European equivalent of the captioned application. Since the reference was published after the priority date of the present application, it is believed that it is not properly prior art. However, in an abundance of caution Applicants wish to cite the reference.

Additionally, in the pending European opposition, DE 1156772 has been cited. There is no English equivalent of the reference but it is discussed in the application on Page 2, ll 22-27. As can be seen from the cited lines of the application, while the aluminum content of the lattice-layer silicate

is reduced using hydrochloric acid, even after repeated washings with hydrochloric acid, the carrier still shows the presence of approximately 1 to 2% by weight aluminum, making it far outside the range of Applicants' claimed aluminum content, i.e., less than about 0.3 weight percent. Further, DE 1156772 was cited in the International Search Report as being an "A" reference.

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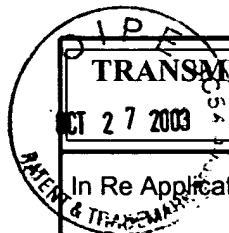
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In Re Application Of: **Michael Sakuth, et al**

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09/701,054	07/01/99	Edward M. Johnston	1754

Title: **Dealuminized Catalyst Support, Method for Producing Said Catalyst Support and Method for Hydrating C2-Olefins with Water in the Presence of a Catalyst Consisting of This Catalyst Support Impregnated with Acid**
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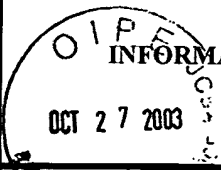
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